

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Previously, claims 9-16 were pending with claim 9 being independent. This amendment amends claim 10 as to form, and adds new claims 17-20. Claims 17-18 depend from independent claim 9. Claims 19-20 are independent claims.

The specification has been amended as to form to include section headings.

The Official Action rejected claim 10 under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 10 has been amended so as to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the indefinite rejection is respectfully solicited.

Claims 9-12 stand rejected as anticipated by STONE 5,403,647.

Claims 13-16 stand rejected as obvious over STONE.

Applicants have carefully reviewed STONE and believe that it does not anticipate or render obvious any of the currently pending claims.

STONE differs from the present invention in that it shows a battery container made of several stacked elements, each of the stacked elements having three sides 38 and a bottom 40 on which the batteries can rest. Note that the bottom 40 extends

along an inner periphery of each element. Any battery is supported by a periphery section associated with one of the three sides.

In contrast, the present invention is a battery box made up of stacked pairs of wall elements, mounted opposite each other. The result is that the batteries are set in each level of the box one behind each other. Note further that in the present invention, one edge of each battery rests on one of the elements and an opposing parallel edge rests on the opposing element of the wall element pair.

In this way, it is possible to replace and remove batteries very rapidly in and from the box. Further, the present invention gives an optimal use of the space available in the box, whereas the applied reference has a wide and deep empty space in the middle part thereof. In the applied reference it is of course necessary to have the wide and deep empty space for placing or moving the batteries (see Figure 6).

In view of the above noted structural differences between the presently recited invention and the applied reference, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

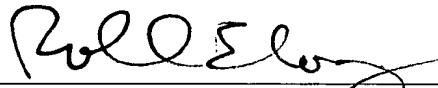
Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

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